

GRISWOLDVILLE



PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Winter 1996

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The object for which this Association shall be formed is to preserve the residential nature of Griswoldville's historic area. To be watchful for the health and safety of all residents. We do mutually agree to associate ourselves, always having before our eyes our community. The Association shall not be engaged in politics in any way. The Association shall be a non-profit organization.

A note from the 'MAYOR' of Griswoldville:

As Chairman of the Association and Honorary Mayor of Griswoldville, I bring you New Year's greetings and the hope that we all should strive to be happy in the coming year.

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Griswoldville Preservation Association on Thursday, April 11, 1996 at 7:00pm at the Griswoldville Chapel. A social hour will follow.

Honorary Mayor- Dick Lasher

1995 In Review:

The Association made Donations to:

- The Special Needs Fund, Wethersfield Human Services Department
- Wethersfield Memorial Day Commission

The Lord House (24 Griswold Road.): The Association strongly objected to the new owners' request to destroy half the building and replace it with a new modern business structure. We also objected to a new large parking lot to be paved on the location as well as a rotating schedule of dental assistants and doctors that would have used the facility. The GPA was asked but declined to give its blessing to a variance/zoning change for the property. The new owners decided not to pursue a new use for the site.

C.R.E.C. (Moeller Home): Was trying to force the town to allow them to construct a large government building with a huge parking lot to border Prospect Street and the entrance to the Mills Woods Park. Much of the land now used for soccer fields would have been lost. A lot of time and energy was needed to prevent this program from being enacted.

WAL-MART (Hartford Drive-In): This business establishment threatened more than just Griswoldville. Many hours of meetings, canvassing and phone calls to neighbors and public officials were needed to defeat this proposal. We worked with other opposition groups to battle this giant.

ZONING (Various Locations): Thanks to your help and phone calls, the Association was able to keep tabs on several sites throughout Griswoldville that were rumored to be used for business sites. Almost all of the zoning requests were benign, however a couple needed close scrutiny as rumors persisted that these requests were a precursor to a larger zoning/variance change.

Welcome to Griswoldville Neighbor!

Honorary Mayor Dick Lasher is *also* the neighborhood's version of the Welcome Wagon! He provides all new neighbors with a hearty greeting, a certificate of residence and the all important membership card : a Griswoldville bumper sticker.

An informal meeting of Executive Committee and neighbors came up with a list of beautification ideas for Griswoldville:

- Welcome To Griswoldville: A new beautiful sign was erected by the Association near Griswold & Prospect. The Association would like to continue to erect permanent signs around the parameter of Griswoldville.. Many residents and members of the Zoning board are unaware of the size and boundaries that make us a unique and friendly community.
- Long Term Goal to have CL&P bury the wires underground so that power outages would be avoided .
- In Co-Operation with the Town of Wethersfield to paint the fence surrounding the duck pond at Mill Woods Park.
- Donate a picnic bench to Mill Woods Park.
- Plant Flowering Trees on the streets of Griswoldville - colorful beautification!

An Invitation : Volunteers or nominates to serve on the 1996 Executive Committee are welcome. New officers are elected at the annual meeting in April. Longtime residents of Griswoldville have a great deal to offer the Association. Anyone interested should contact Dick Lasher by the April 11th Annual Meeting.

1995 Executive Committee

Chairman: Dick Lasher - 529-6158
Vice Chair/Historian: Myron Baldwin - 529-0467
Vice Chair/Publicity: Damon Herring - 563-6494
Treasurer: Peter Gardow - 257-1925
Secretary: Lucy Amato - 529-8002

Mark Your Calendar...

April 11, 1996: Annual Meeting. To elect a new slate of officers and discuss current issues. 7PM at the Griswoldville Chapel.

May 25, 1996: Wethersfield Memorial Day Parade. Saturday 10AM in Old Wethersfield.



The **GRISWOLDVILLE CHAPEL**, yesterday and today, has been the meeting place for the community. Today it is our enduring symbol, linking our present community to those before us who built Griswoldville.



MEMBERSHIP: It is important to remember that your small \$10 donation for membership is crucial to the efforts of the community. The membership roster numbers count big when the Griswoldville Association needs to have a say at Town Hall and at the State House in matters that affect the health and growth of our community.

THANK YOU!

If you would like to join us, please remit this attached coupon - Thanks!

**Membership Form for 1996
Griswoldville Preservation Association**

Remit to: Griswoldville Preservation Association
Return to: Peter Gardow, Treasurer
60 Griswold Road, Griswoldville
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Enclosed is my 1996 family membership fee in the amount of \$10.
I would be willing to serve on a committee. Please call me with details.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



